

## **Fire Restrictions Imposed in Los Padres National Forest**

### **Restriction Level 1 – Low Fire Season** (Normally November 15 through May 1)

- Campfires permits required yearlong.
- Spark arresters required on all equipment. OHVs on roads and trails only.
- No fireworks allowed yearlong.

**Restrictions Level 2 – High Fire Season** (current situation). These restrictions will affect the use of campfires, stoves, and smoking materials and will remain in effect until the end of the high fire season, normally in late autumn. The restrictions are as follows:

- No open fires, campfires or charcoal fires outside of developed recreation sites or designated Campfire Use Sites even with a valid California Campfire Permit. Only lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted with a valid California Campfire Permit. California Campfire Permits are available free-of-charge at any Forest Service office. Forest visitors must clear all flammable material for five feet in all directions from their camp stove, have a shovel available, and ensure that a responsible person attends the stove at all times when in use.
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed recreation site or Campfire Use Site, in designated areas indicated by a sign as a smoking area, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Internal combustion engines may be operated only on roads or designated trails. This restriction is in effect year-round. Make sure your engine is tuned, operating properly and has an approved spark arrester.

Additional restriction may be imposed if the fire danger increases.

Campfires and barbecues are permitted in the Forest Service develop recreation and Campfire Use Sites, year-round without a campfire permit. A list of approved Campfire Use Sites are made available each year. A Campfire Use Site is generally recognized as a developed recreation site where fire use stoves and barbecues have been provided by the Forest Service. This also may be revised during extreme fire conditions.

**Restriction Level 3 – High Fire Season.** During periods of drought or during the occurrence of abnormally severe fire behavior additional fire prevention mitigation measures may be added to the restrictions listed in Level 2.

- Prohibit recreational target shooting except for areas under Special Use Permit or Private Gun Clubs.
- Prohibit smoking except in vehicles, buildings, and approved Campfire Use Sites.

**Restriction Level 4 – High Fire Season.** Major fires occurring on the NF or adjacent forest / areas or extreme Forest Fire Danger Ratings level may warrant additional restrictions.

- Wood and charcoal fires prohibited on National Forest Land, including Campfire Use Sites (developed campgrounds).
- Close high-risk areas.
- Close backcountry and wilderness areas of the Forest.

**Restriction Level 5 – High Fire Season.** If major fires are occurring on the Los Padres Forest expanded Restrictions / Closures may be implemented.

- Total closure of the Los Padres Forest